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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R :

This preliminary amendment is being submitted to correct the numbering of the claims filed with the above-identified patent application on May 11, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 28 (second occurrence) - 32.

29. (Once Amended) A method for routing Internet response data in an asynchronous data transmission system, comprising:
authenticating a device of an end-user;
forwarding an IP source address associated with a